# State of Montana Oil & Gas Lease Sale - March 5, 2013 Final Sale List

The following described lands will be offered for oil and gas leasing through oral competitive bidding in the Department of Transportation auditorium, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, beginning at 9:00 am, March 5, 2013.

Tract Stipulations	Twp Rng	Sec Description	Acres	Bid/Acre	Bidde
aniels					
1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	34.N 45.E	1 Lots 3, 4, S2NW4, SW4	320.90		
2 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	34.N 46.E	6 Lots 1 thru 7, SE4NW4, S2NE4, SE4, E2SW4	629.97		
3 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	34.N 46.E	7 Lots 1, 2, E2NW4, NE4	* 314.71		
4 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	34.N 47.E	4 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S2N2, S2	642.60		
5 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	35.N 47.E	32 SW4	160.00		
6 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	35.N 47.E	33 W2	320.00		
7 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11	37.N 43.E	4 Lot 8, S2	360.00		
awson					
8 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	15.N 56.E	36 All	* 640.00		
9 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	15.N 57.E	16 All	640.00		
10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	15.N 57.E	36 All	640.00		
11 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	21.N 54.E	16 All	* 640.00		
12 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	21.N 55.E	6 Lots 1 thru 7, SE4NW4, S2NE4, SE4, E2SW4	634.20		
allon					
13 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	10.N 60.E	16 All	640.00		
14 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	10.N 60.E	20 NE4	* 160.00		
15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	10.N 60.E	36 All	* 640.00		
lacier					
16 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10	32.N 5.W	36 All	* 640.00		
17 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14	33.N 12.W	24 NE4SW4, NW4SE4	80.00		
usselshell					
18 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	9.N 25.E	16 AII	640.00		
19 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	9.N 25.E	36 All	640.00		
20 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10	9.N 27.E	36 N2, S2, less patented RR R/Ws	* 613.50		
21 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	10.N 24.E	36 All	640.00		
ichland					
22 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	22.N 53.E	36 All	640.00		
23 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	22.N 54.E	16 All	640.00		
24 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	22.N 54.E	36 All	640.00		
25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13	23.N 59.E	26 Yellowstone Riverbed and related acreage	15.70		
oosevelt					
26 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	27.N 57.E	10 NE4SE4, S2SE4, NE4SW4	* 160.00		

Tract Stipulations	Twp Rng Sec Description	Acres Bid/Acre Bidder
Valley		
28 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	31.N 37.E 16 All	640.00
29 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	31.N 37.E 36 All	640.00

<sup>\*</sup> Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Total Tracts 29

**Total Acres** 14,021.01

Additional lease stipulations are listed on the following pages. The Stipulations column on the sale list identifies which stipulations will be attached to each tract.

Sight drafts will not be accepted. The State Board of Land Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All payments are due within ten days after the date of sale.

Individuals with disabilities may request assistance or special services by calling (406) 444-4576 at least one week prior to the sale.

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- 1 Lessee shall notify and obtain approval from the Department's Trust Land Management Division (TLMD) prior to constructing well pads, roads, power lines, and related facilities that may require surface disturbance on the tract. Lessee shall comply with any mitigation measures stipulated in TLMD's approval.
- 2 Prior to the drilling of any well, lessee shall send one copy of the well prognosis, including Form 22 "Application for Permit" to the Department's Trust Land Management Division (TLMD). After a well is drilled and completed, lessee shall send one copy of all logs run, Form 4A "Completion Report", and geologic report to TLMD. A copy of Form 2 "Sundry Notice and Report of Wells" or other appropriate Board of Oil and Gas Conservation form shall be sent to TLMD whenever any subsequent change in well status or operator is intended or has occurred. Lessee shall also notify and obtain approval from the TLMD prior to plugging a well on the lease premises.
  - Issuance of this lease in no way commits the Land Board to approval of coal bed methane production on this lease. Any coal bed methane extraction wells would require subsequent review and approval by the board.
- 3 The TLMD will complete an initial review for cultural resources and, where applicable, paleontological resources of the area intended for disturbance and may require a resources inventory. Based on the results of the inventory, the TLMD may restrict surface activity for the purpose of protecting significant resources located on the lease premises.
- 4 The lessee shall be responsible for controlling any noxious weeds introduced by lessee's activity on State-owned land and shall prevent or eradicate the spread of those noxious weeds onto land adjoining the lease premises.
- 5 The definitions of "oil" and "gas" provided in 82-1-111, MCA, do not apply to this lease for royalty calculation purposes.
- 6 If the State does not own the surface, the lessee must contact the owner of the surface in writing at least 30 days prior to any surface activity. A copy of the correspondence shall be sent to TLMD.
- 7 Due to unstable soil conditions on this tract and/or topography that is rough and/or steep, surface use may be restricted or denied. Seismic activity may be restricted to poltershots.
- 8 The lessee is responsible to pay for all damages, including penalties and charges assessed by the USDA-CFSA on CRP lands, as a result of drilling and production on the tract.
- 9 Active sage grouse lek(s) have been identified on or adjacent to this tract. No activities shall occur on the tract until the proposed action has been approved in writing by the Director of the Department. If surface activity is proposed on the tract, the department will consult with the Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for his or her comments, concerns and recommendations. Additional mitigation measures may be required, including no-surfaceoccupancy buffers and/or timing restrictions, which may encompass part or all of the tract.
- 10 Unless otherwise approved by the Department in writing, wells and related surface infrastructure, including new road construction, are prohibited within 1/2 mile of the centerline of a navigable river, lake or reservoir, and within 1/4 mile of direct tributary streams of navigable waterways, on or adjacent to the tract. No surface occupancy is allowed within the bed of a river, stream, lake or reservoir, islands and accretions or abandoned channels.
- 11 Due to the floodplain/wetlands area(s), surface use may be restricted or denied.
- 12 This tract contains navigable riverbeds. No surface occupancy is allowed within the bed of the navigable river, abandoned channels, or on islands and accretions. In addition, upon completion of a successful well, where river title is disputed, the lessee will file an interpleader action under Rule 22, M.R.Civ.P. in the Montana District Court, or other court having jurisdiction, in which the leased lands are located for all acreage within the lease in which the title is disputed. The lessee shall name all potential royalty claimants as defendants.
- 13 If the lessee completes a successful oil and/or gas well, and if land title is disputed, the lessee shall fund professional land surveys as needed to determine the location and acreage encompassed by the spacing and/or pooling unit and the state lease acreage within that unit. Surveys shall be conducted by a licensed land surveyor acceptable to the Department, and shall be prepared pursuant to survey requirements provided by the Department.

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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#### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: June 4, 2013 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

In order to give as much advance notice as possible, please be advised that the date of the June 2013 Oil and Gas Lease Sale has been set for <u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>JUNE 4</u>, <u>2013</u>, at 9:00 A.M. in the auditorium of the Department of Transportation building at 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, east of the interstate highway. Please call the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for detailed directions, if necessary.

The deadline filing date for submitting applications on tracts to be nominated for the sale in June is 5:00pm on March 19, 2013. Applications must be received in this office by that date. If you have any questions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:jmason2@mt.gov">jmason2@mt.gov</a> or (406) 444-4576.

Julie Mason, Supervisor Mineral Leasing Section Minerals Management Bureau